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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the final Official Action mailed May 12, 2004 (Paper No. 7) and the Advisory Action of September 23, 2004. A petition for a two-month extension of time and the requisite fee are filed herewith. Reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-12, 19, 23 and 24 are amended herein. Claims 1-6, 10, 13, 14, 18, 22 and 25-27 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new claims have been added. Thus, claims 7-9, 11, 12, 15-17, 19-21, 23, 24, 28 and 29 are currently pending for further consideration.

In the final Office Action and the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated the allowance of claims 7-9, 15-17, 28 and 29. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowance of these claims.

The Examiner further indicated the presence of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 3, 11, 12, 19-21, 23 and 24. Again, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for this identification of allowable subject matter. Allowed claims 28 and 29 correspond to claims 2 and 3. Accordingly, claims 11, 12, 19, 23 and 24 have been amended herein to become independent claims, each now containing the recitations of its former base claim. Thus, following entry of this amendment, claims 11, 12, 19-21, 23 and 24 should be in condition for immediate allowance based on the Examiner's determination of allowable subject matter.

To expedite the issuance of this application, Applicant has canceled all the rejected claims. However, Applicant continues to traverse the rejection of these claims and the

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cancellation is without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file continuation or divisional applications including the claims here rejected and/or claims to any other subject matter of this application.

For the foregoing reasons, the present application is thought to be clearly in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the application in light of these remarks is courteously solicited. If any fees are owed in connection with this paper which have not been elsewhere authorized, authorization is hereby given to charge those fees to Deposit Account 18-0013 in the name of Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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